

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2, 7, 8 and 12 have been amended. Claims 15-20 have been added. Thus, claims 1-20 are pending in this application.

**Objection to the drawings:**

The Examiner objected to the drawings because certain parameters shown have not been disclosed in the specification. Inadvertently, the labels in the drawings have not been translated whereas the specification used translated parameters. Applicant, thus, hereby submits amended drawings with the correct parameters as used in the specification. No new matter has been added as all parameters are disclosed in the originally submitted specification.

**Claim rejection under 35 USC §112:**

The Examiner objected to claim 7 and 12 as being in improper form or undefined. Applicant amended claim 7 to include the proper relationship and amended claim 12 to include the correct wording.

The Examiner further objected to claims 1, 2, and 8 as being indefinite. Applicant amended these claims to use proper definite language.


The Examiner indicated that claims 1,-6, 8-11, and 13-14 are allowable if rewritten or amended. Applicant thanks the Examiner for pointing out the allowability of these claims. Applicant believes that all necessary amendments have been made. Furthermore, Applicant added new claims 15-20. These claims are based upon claims 1, 3-7.

**CONCLUSION**

The application as defined in the pending claims is patentable under 35 U.S.C. §112. -Therefore, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of all pending claims.

Applicants do not believe that any other fees are due at this time; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Deposit Account No. 02-0383, (*formerly Baker & Botts, L.L.P.*,) Order Number 071308.0216.

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